

Wealth from Fish Waste



A KVK Intervention on Entrepreneurial Capacity Building

Background:

The pristine islands of Lakshadweep need rightful handling of the wastes from its production systems to sustain the ecosystem and the aesthetics of the islands. Fishing is the major economic activity of these islands and processing of fishes produces large quantity of waste. Presently, the waste is buried on the seashore or thrown in open places which pollute the islands besides affecting the aesthetic value of this important tourist destination. The fish waste is an excellent source of protein and many other nutrients which are important raw materials for many useful products. Rightful utilisation of this valuable waste can provide additional income for the households while keeping the islands clean. Considering the above, to begin with, the ICAR-KVK-Lakshadweep designed the training programme in collaboration with the Kavaratti Village Panchayath for orienting the existing micro-enterprises for taking up fish waste utilisation.



Technical Collaborators:

ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology: The ICAR-CIFT has been working on production of useful produces from fish waste. They have recently developed a technology for production of poultry feed from fish waste. Experts from the Institute will train the beneficiaries on production of different products from fish waste including poultry feed.

ICAR-KVK-Ernakulam: The KVK has been popularising several technologies developed by different ICAR Institutions on production of useful products from agricultural wastes including fish waste. Manure and plant protection materials produced from fish waste by the KVK are well accepted and very popular in Kerala.

ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute: The Socio Economic Evaluation and Technology Transfer division (SEETTD) of ICAR-CMFRI is involved in organising Entrepreneurial Capacity Building training programmes on micro-enterprises in fisheries sector for better performance and diversification.

Beneficiaries:

Members of the active women Self Help Groups in Kavaratti identified by the Kavaratti Dweep Panchayath.



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